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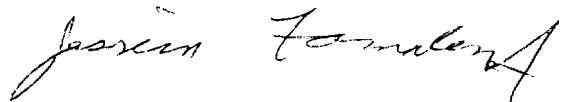
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Each year the U.S. egg industry force molts-intentionally starves up to 14 days- millions of hens to manipulate egg production. Forced molting is so stressful it destroys the hens' immune systems, predisposing the birds and their eggs to Salmonella Poison.

I am requesting that FDA do the following:

- Do more than put bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures;
- Prohibit the practice of forced molting because forced molting has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hens' immune systems;
- Use your jurisdiction to ban farm practices such as forced molting that injure human health;
- Ban forced molting because it is the primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs, and consumers of eggs; and
- FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. This petition should be granted without further delay.

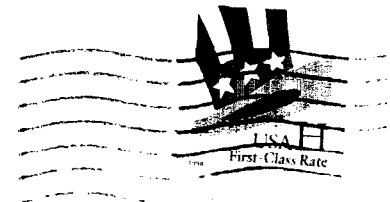
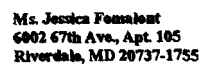
Sincerely,



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